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The next Session of this Association will be held with the Church at Good Hope, Jefferson County, Alabama, commencing on Thursday before the Third Sunday in August, 1892.

PROCEEDINGS.

NEW CASTLE, ALA., Sept. 25, 1891.

The Sulphur Springs Baptist Association met in the Springdale Church House, Jefferson county, and State of Alabama, at 11 o'clock, A. M., and was called to order by G. S. Sloan, of Blount County, the Moderator of the last session. Devotional exercises were conducted by J. C. Thomas, by reading a portion of Scripture, the fifty-third chapter, Book of Isaiah, and preaching the introductory sermon. Text, xiv chapter and 18 verse of the Book of St. Luke, after which the meeting adjourned for dinner.

EVENING SESSION—FIRST DAY.

Dinner being over the delegates and friends met in the church house for further business. After singing a suitable hymn the Moderator led in prayer, after which letters were called for from the various churches. Several were presented with a list of delegates, as will appear at the close of this Journal.

The Moderator appointed W. R. Martin and Frank McNeal reading clerks. The letters were read and names of delegates enrolled. A Moderator, Clerk, Corresponding Secretary and Treasurer, for the ensuing year, were elected by ballot, which vote was taken by Elder A. J. Waldrop, of the Birmingham Association, who was received as a correspondent from that body, and the election resulted in the choice of G. S. Sloan, Moderator; J. M. James, Clerk and Treasurer, and W. R. Martin, Corresponding Secretary.

On motion the body had J. M. C. Whorton, J. C. Thomas and E. M. Robinson appointed to draft up an order of business for the Moderator to be governed by. The Moderator called for petitionary letters from new churches. Two were

presented with a list of delegates' names. One from Mount High Church, Blount County, and one from Blossburg, Jefferson County. Heard a partial report of the committee on rules. On motion received and adopted the same.

On motion corresponding messengers and visiting brethren were invited to seats with the body.

Received W. McLawlin, Cahaba Valley Association.

The Moderator appointed the following committees, to wit:

On Finance—A. M. McAnnally and J. A. Perkins.

On Superanuated Ministers—J. F. McNeal and R. C. Greathouse.

On State of Religion—G. B. Powell and I. C. McCrary.

On Documents—T. A. Elliott and J. L. Jolley.

On Devotion—E. M. Robinson, Wm. Rouse and the deacons of Springdale Church.

By permission of the body Elder A. J. Waldrop took the floor and gave a pleasant and instructive lecture, by way of advice, which was listened to attentively by the delegates and friends.

Heard report of Devotional Committee.

Preaching at the church House by J. W. Trotter, followed by G. S. Sloan, at early candle light. At the same hour at Smith's Chapel, by J. C. Thomas and G. B. Powell. At the same hour by W. J. McCrary and W. C. Wingo at Bro. Perkins' house.

Before adjournment homes were read out for all delegates present, and assignments made by the brethren and friends of Springdale Church.

On motion the business of the body was adjourned until 9 o'clock Saturday morning, and closed by prayer and benediction led by Brother G. B. Powell.

Saturday Morning, 9 a. m.

The delegates met in the church house for business, and the Moderator called the body to order. After singing a suitable hymn, J. C. Thomas led in prayer. The Moderator delivered a

pleasant lecture in regard to our discussions while convened together, and then proceeded to further business.

Heard report of committee on order of business. Received and adopted the same with a few amendments thereto.

On motion received Brother Fred Jones as correspondent from Caanan Association.

On motion received Brother J. M. Thomas as a visiting brother from Calcedona Church.

The Moderator called for reports of standing committees.

Heard the report on Sabbath Schools. On motion the report was received, and 9 o'clock Sunday morning set apart as the hour for discussion.

Heard report on Missions read, and on motion the report was received. One o'clock was set aside as the hour for discussing the same.

Heard report on Temperance, and on motion it was received for discussion. The discussion was opened by Brother J. R. Jefferson, followed by G. S. Sloan and Ras McDaniel. The report was adopted by the body. See report.

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

Your Committee on Temperance offer the following:

After examining the documents from many parts of our country we find that where the Temperance cause is fostered there is less crime committed, and where the Temperance cause is cultivated most of the churches are prosperous, and we, your committee, recommend that Sunday Schools be established in all the churches as a help to banish the intoxicating beverages from our country. We find in all communities where good people forsake the soul-damning evil of intemperance the devil's kingdom falls, and its subjects disappear, and God's kingdom builds upon the ruins thereof. We would beg all christian people to help each other and be co-workers with God in bringing the captive souls out from the bondage of satan, who, by the intemperate use of the alcoholic poison, have sold themselves unto satan for naught. So, brethren, let us go to work for God and be the means, in his hands, of bringing the captive souls out of satan's bondage to the liberty and freedom of God's people. We believe that the devil is capturing more souls in traps of intemperance than in any other traps he has in his power. Now brethren let us come to the front and shoulder the cross, and let us make him quake and tremble

while we shake the foundation of intemperance and build upon the grand work, already begun, that is in the hearts of God's people, to-wit, temperance.

W. C. WINGO, *Chairman.*

Heard report on Superanuated Ministers, and on motion received and adopted the same, to-wit:

We, your committee on Superanuated Ministers, by careful investigation find no minister in our bounds who is without means of support.

Respectfully submitted.

J. F. McNEAL, *Chairman.*

The committee on education being absent, on motion W. R. Martin and J. M. C. Whorton were appointed instead.

The Moderator called for report of the Executive Committee. The chairman asked for further time to report, and on motion, more time was allowed.

On motion, empowered the Moderator to recognize any visiting brother or correspondent into our body while in session who is in good standing.

Heard report of Committee on State of Religion, and on motion received the report and laid it on the table until 3 o'clock P. M., and heard report on Documents and on motion received the report. A motion was offered for its adoption, whereupon, an amendment was offered to strike out the words, "we recommend that Good Hope Church have the next session of the Association," and carried, after which the report was adopted.

REPORT ON DOCUMENTS.

We find by examining the Documents that the churches are all in a good, lively and working condition, and have had good revival meetings at all the churches except two or three. We also find that Sulphur Springs Church and Good Hope Church ask the Association to meet with them in their next annual session in 1892.

T. A. ELLIOTT, *Chairman.*

A motion was offered for adjournment and by a vote of the body the motion was lost.

On motion a vote was taken for the next place to hold the Association, which resulted in the choice of Good Hope Church, Jefferson County, Alabama, on the Warrior and Jasper road about twelve miles west of Warrior station, on the Louisville

& Nashville Railroad, to convene on Thursday before the third Sunday in August, 1892.

Adjourned for dinner.

Saturday Evening, 1 O'clock.

Dinner being ended and the stock fed and watered, the delegates assembled in the house for business, and after singing a suitable hymn had prayer led by Brother B. M. Waldrop, after which the Moderator called the house to order for further business.

The Moderator made the second call for the report of the Executive Board. Heard the report, and on motion it was received.

Suspended the regular order of business and the Moderator recognized Brothers Elisha Waldrop, Ras McDaniel and Russell as correspondents from the Birmingham Association into our body.

On motion appointed Brother J. W. Trotter to preach the Introductory Sermon and W. C. Wingo alternate, next year.

On motion appointed Elder W. J. McCrary to preach the Missionary Sermon in 1892, and G. S. Sloan alternate.

The Moderator appointed the following Standing Committees:

STANDING COMMITTEES.

On Missions—W. J. McCrary and J. W. Trotter.

On Sabbath Schools—C. A. Burns and J. C. Thomas.

On Education—W. C. Wingo and J. A. Perkins.

On Temperance—W. R. Martin and J. F. McNeal.

On motion the Mission and Executive reports were again taken up for discussion, and called upon Elder W. McLawlin, of Cahaba Valley Association, to open the discussion, who was followed by Brothers Fred Jones, Ras McDaniel and J. W. Trotter, after which the reports were adopted. See extracts of the reports, to-wit:

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD.

The Executive Board presents the following brief of their report: After meeting several times with different churches and consulting together, and consulting some of our leading ministering brethren in regard to employing a missionary to work in our destitution, and writing to the churches for means, and getting but very little response, we proceeded to employ Elder W. J. McCrary, some time in the summer, at $1.50 per day to work at least one month in the bounds of our Association, whose report you will see below.

MISSIONARY'S REPORT.

Work done in the Sulphur Springs Association—Spent twenty-five days; preached twenty-eight sermons; traveled about three hundred miles; visited most of the churches and also some of the most destitute places; preached under bush arbors and under the shades of trees. All the destitute places that I have been in seem to desire preaching, and some are wanting churches but they have no houses. I find some of our brethren that oppose the mission work but it seems to me that if they knew what I do they would be stirred up upon this subject. Our Association covers an area of about six hundred square miles, and about twenty-five churches and several of them dead. Springdale, Chalybeate Springs, Mineral Springs and Union, Jefferson County, have agreed to send to the Convention of the Association $5 each for next Associational year. With renewed energy yours in Christ,

W. J. McCRARY.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MISSION.

We your committee submit the following report: We find from close investigation that our brother evangelist has been laboring very faithfully in this grand and noble work during the last few months by visiting most of our churches and destitute places and preaching under bush arbors. Dear brethren, may that burning love for the cause be so intense in our hearts that we may be made to feel the weight and worth of immortal souls and continue to push this great mission work.

J. R. JEFFERSON, *Chairman.*

Heard report from Devotional Committee: Brother Fred Jones to preach at the church house at early lamp light, followed by J. W. Trotter; at Brother J. A. Perkins' at the same hour by Elder W. McLawlin; at Merritt's school house at the same hour by Brother J. C. Thomas.

On motion accepted the resignation of three of our Executive Board, to-wit: E. M. Robinson, I. C. McCrary and J. M C. Whorton.

On motion adopted the former plan of getting up means to run the mission work, to-wit: Each church to appoint their clerks to take up collections for that purpose and turn it over quarterly to the Treasurer at Arkadelphia, Ala., and that they strive to get at least 12½ cents per capita for each member in their several churches.

On motion adopted report on State of Religion.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON STATE OF RELIGION.

We, your Committee, submit the following report: We find that many of our churches have had good meetings; some of them very large additions, and most of them have increased in membership. Also new churches received into our body, while we should rejoice in this good work we find great need of improvement in the labors necessary as helps to the enjoyment of home religion.

G. B. POWELL, *Chairman.*

Heard report of Committee on Education, and on motion received and adopted the report without discussion.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION.

Your Committee on Education report the following: We, can think of no work of more vital importance than that of education. Upon the proper education of the youths of our nation hinges the downfall or upbuilding of this grand and glorious land of America. The time is upon us when we should look promptly after this work. We, your committee, think the institutions of learning in our land should look well to the moral culture of all students, we would entreat the parents of our land to look to it that our sons and daughters enter not institutions of learning where the Word training is not looked well after, it would be better that our boys and daughters should never enter a school or college than to be met with a preceptor full of skepticism and infidelity. We have schools and colleges that are trying to educate the youths of our land morally and mentally, let us support such institutions. Respectfully submitted,

W. R. MARTIN, *Chairman.*

On motion adopted the following resolution of thanks offered by W. R. Martin, to-wit:

Resolved, That the thanks of this body are due, and are hereby tendered, to the brethren, sisters and citizens of and around Spring Dale Church for their kind hospitalities shown us during our stay with them.

On motion heard, received and adopted the Treasurer's report, to-wit:

TREASURER'S REPORT.

1890		
September 30, Balance due the Association	$	66 76
October 11, Received from J. F. Manning, New Bethel Church		50
1891		
March 14, Received from Sulphur Springs Church		3 00
March 29, Received from Second District Meeting		4 20
March 29, Received from R. Box, Mt. Joy Church		25
June 2, Received from Spring Dale Church		1 25
July 25, Received from New Bethel Church, D. M.		7 00
August 5, Received from Springdale Church, D. M		2 30
August 5, Received from New Bethel Church, D. M.		2 50
August 2, Received from Sister C. C. Reid, D. M.		1 00
September 24, Received from Union Church, B. C., D. M.		50
September 25, Received from New Bethel Church, H. M.		2 00
September 25, Received from New Prospect Church, D. M.		2 00
September 25, Received from Chalybeate Spring Church, D. M.		3 00
September 25, Received from Mineral Spring Church, D. M.		5 00
September 25, Received from Spring Dale Church, D. M.		4 10
September 25, Received from Mount Pisga Church, D. M.		1 55
September 25, Minute funds		31 10
Total	$	138 01

DISBURSEMENTS.

1890		
September 30, Paid Clerk's fee	$10 00	
October 11, Paid for Printing Minutes	18 00	
October 11, Paid for Paper, Postage, etc	4 20	
1891		
March 14, Paid for Postage to Corresponding Secretary	65	
May 12, Paid for Postage to Corresponding Secretary	75	
August 5, Paid W. J. McCrary, Missionary Work	5 80	
September 25, Paid W. J. McCrary, Missionary Work	31 70	
Total		$71 10
Leaving Balance due the Association		66 91

On motion ordered the clerk to have five hundred copies of the Minutes printed and distribute them to the churches in proportion to their Minute fund.

On motion appropriated $10 to pay the clerk for his services.

The Moderator proceeded to fill the vacancy in the Executive Board by appointing William Mayfield, A. L. Hendrix and J. S. Sloan, to fill the places of brethren that resigned, before mentioned.

On motion called the roll and marked absentees.

Heard and received report of Committee on finance, to-wit:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

Your Committee on Finance report fund for Minutes $31.10.

The Moderator asked the delegates to sing a suitable hymn which was responded to, and the parting hand shaking was taken by the brethren and sisters generally.

Adjourned until Sunday morning, 9 o'clock.

Sunday Morning Session.

The few delegates that remained over from yesterday assembled in the church house and after singing a suitable hymn had prayer, led by J. W. Trotter, after which the Moderator called upon him to open the discussion on the Sabbath School report which had been set apart for this hour. The report was taken up and discussed, but was not adopted but highly endorsed.

DEVOTIONAL EXERCISES.

Had preaching in the church house on Friday night by G. S. Sloan, and in several places in the surrounding vicinity by other brethren at the same hour.

Had preaching at the arbor, at 11 A. M. Saturday, by Brethren W. C. McLawlin and Ras McDaniel, and on Saturday night at the church by Brother Fred Jones, and at the same hour in surrounding vicinity had preaching at several places by other brethren.

The Missionary Sermon was preached at the Grove by G. S. Sloan. There was a large and attentive audience. At the close of the service a collection was taken up for Mission purposes to the amount of $20.70, and no pledges.

The Moderator adjourned the congregation one hour for dinner, and the delegates for one associational year, to meet with Good Hope Church, Jefferson County, on Thursday before the third Sunday in August, 1892.

J. S. SLOAN, *Moderator.*

J. M. JAMES, *Clerk.*

Associational Directory.

G. S. Sloan, Moderator; J. M. James, Clerk and Treasurer; W. R. Martin, Corresponding Secretary.

Executive Board.

J. H. McNeal, Wm. Compton, William Mayfield, John S. Sloan, A. L. Hendricks and the Corresponding Secretary and Treasurer.

Delegates Present of all Churches Represented.

Arkadelphia Church—G. S. Sloan, E. M. Robinson and J. M. James.

Antioch Church—A. Wood, A. C. Statum and H. Clements.

Shilo Church—A. M. McAnnally.

Chalybeate Spring Church—W. H. Kuhn and T. A. Elliott.

Mount Olive Church—W. C. Wingo, J. A. Perkins, J. E. Goode and J. B. McCormack.

Springdale Church—James Jernigan, A. J. Sharit and J. C. Draper.

Good Hope Church—W. T. Hulsey and T. J. Boyd.

Cane Creek Church—J. L. Jolley, William Brewer and Wm. Rouse.

Sulphur Springs Church—J. C. Thomas and W. R. Martin.

Mount Joy Church—S. J. Tubbs and J. M. Abbott.

Oak Bower Church—H. J. Gravlee, T. W. Washington and J. R. Jefferson.

Union Church, Jefferson County—I. C. McCrary, J. L. Ware and W. R. Speakman.

Mineral Springs Church—S. A. Russell, G. W. Miner, J. M. Robins and J. M. Hodges.

New Bethel Church—J. W. Trotter, W. A. Mayfield, G. B. Powell and R. C. Greathouse.

New Prospect Church—G. W. Bragg.

Oak Grove Church—J. C. Walker.

Mount Pisga Church—M. L. Wood.

Mount Zion Church—J. J. Kile.

Mount Hie Church—J. R. Russell and G. L. Bradford.

Blossburg Church—C. W. Pritchett and Isaac Nicholson.

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1 Call the delegates to order and call for the Introductory sermon.
2 Call for letters from the various churches.
3 Appoint Reading Clerks and have letters read.
4 Elect Moderator, Clerk, Corresponding Secretary and Treasurer.
5 Call for Correspondents from the Associations.
6 Return Correspondents to sister Associations.
7 Appoint a Committee on Devotion.
8 Appoint a Committee on Sabbath Schools.
9 Appoint a Committee on Documents.
10 Appoint a Committee on State of Religion.
11 Appoint a Committee on Temperance.
12 Appoint a Committee on Superannuated Ministers.
13 Call for report of Executive Board.
14 Fill vacancies in Executive Board, if any.
15 Appoint time and place for next meeting.
16 Appoint Ministers to preach Annual Sermons.
17 Offer thanks, and other miscellany.

The first District meeting of Sulphur Springs Association will convene with Harmony Church on Friday before the fourth Sunday in July, 1892. J. W. Trotter was chosen to preach the Introductory Sermon, and J. C. Thomas was chosen alternate.

J. W. TROTTER, *Moderator.*
W. R. MARTIN, *Clerk.*

The Second District will convene with Mount Joy Church on Friday before the second Sunday in July, 1892. G. S. Sloan was chosen to preach the Introductory Sermon, and J. R. Jefferson appointed alternate. Appointed T. D. Holcomb to preach a Missionary Sermon at 11 o'clock on Sunday of the meeting.

T. D. HOLCOMB, *Moderator*
J. R. JEFFERSON, *Clerk.*

CONSTITUTION

OF THE

Sulphur Springs Baptist Association.

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1. This body shall be known as the SULPHUR SPRINGS MISSIONARY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

2. It shall be formed of delegates from all the churches who may connect themselves with the Union.

3. Any church may be admitted into this Association by the general consent of the members present, at any regular meeting.

4. Any church may withdraw from it at its own discretion on application for dismission.

5. Any church in this Association may send three delegates. When a church has fifty members, it may send four delegates, and an additional delegate for each fifty members thereafter.

6. At each session of this Association, a Moderator, Recording and Corresponding Secretary and Treasurer shall be elected by ballot from among the members, who shall hold their offices till their successors are elected.

7. The meeting of the delegates shall be held annually as the body may appoint.

8. The design of this body is to promote the cause of true religion with the several churches of which it is, or may be composed, by domestic missions; the education of pious and promising young men called of God to the ministry, by either benevolent plans, so far as the church may enable them, or by other voluntary contributions.

9. In addition to the objects specified in the foregoing article, this Association will extend its favorable regard to all the benevolent plans now cherished and supported by evangelical Christians.

10. As it respects the internal concerns of the churches, this body shall have no authority, but shall be considered merely as an advisory council.

11. This Association shall be the judge of her own members, and will not hold as a member a church who holds as a member any person who teaches heterodox, traffics in any way with intoxicating liquors (except physicians), or is guilty of any other crime mentioned in 5th chapter of Galatians as works of the flesh.

12. As it respects our internal or general concerns, and for the mutual benefit of the churches composing this Union, it shall be the duty of each

church to forward with her delegates a written communication to each annual meeting of this Association, specifying the names of delegates and the state of their churches.

13. Any church being thoroughly convinced that she has a member called of God to the work of the ministry, and believes it her duty to send him out to preach the gospel, shall call a presbytery of ministers, who in connection with, and in presence of the church, proceed to examine the candidate, and, if deemed qualified, may ordain him to the full work of the ministry, and report the same to this Association, together with all licensed ministers, so their names may be entered upon the minutes.

14. All presbyteries, in ordaining ministers, deacons, or in constituting churches, shall be governed by the Abstract of Faith adopted by this Association.

15. The business of this Association (when deemed necessary) is to be committed to a board of seven members, including the Corresponding Secretary and Treasurer in this number, four of whom shall constitute a quorum to transact business, and to make reports at the next session of the Association.

16. The delegates from the churches shall be considered as holding their appointments until others are appointed to succeed them.

17. This constitution may be altered or amended at any regular meeting of the body by a two-thirds vote, provided, the proposed change be in writing on the table twelve hours before the vote is taken.

ABSTRACT OF FAITH.

ARTICLE 1. We believe in one only true and living God, the Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

ART. 2. We believe that the Scriptures comprising the Old and New Testaments are the words of God, and the only rule of faith and practice.

ART. 3. We believe in the doctrine of election, and that God chose His people in Christ before the foundation of the world, to be holy.

ART. 4. We believe in the doctrine of original sin.

ART. 5. We believe in man's incapacity by his own free will and ability to recover himself from the fallen state in which he is by nature.

ART. 6. We believe that sinners are justified in the sight of God by the imputed righteousness of Christ only.

ART. 7. We believe the blessings of salvation are made free to all the human family by the gospel; that it is the duty of all intelligent persons to accept them with a cordial, persistent and obedient faith, and that nothing prevents the salvation of the greatest sinner on earth but his or her refusal or voluntary rejection of the gospel requirements, repentance towards God and faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, which rejection involves them into condemnation without defense or excuse.

ART. 8. We believe the saint will persevere in grace and never finally fall away.

ART. 9. We believe that baptism and the Lord's Supper are ordinances of Jesus Christ, and that true believers are the only subjects of baptism, and that immersion is the Apostolic mode.

ART. 10. We believe in the resurrection of the dead and the final judgment; that the felicity of the righteous will be everlasting and the punishment of the wicked eternal.

ART. 11. We believe that no minister has a right to administer the ordinances of the gospel except one who is regularly baptized, called and come under the imposition of hands by the presbytery.

ART. 12. We believe that none but regularly immersed believers have a right to commune at the Lord's table.

RULES OF DECORUM.

1. This Association shall be opened and closed by singing and prayer.

2. To expedite business, committees may be appointed at the discretion of the body.

3. The Moderator shall be deemed judge of good order, and shall have a right to call to order at any time, and any brother not satisfied with his decision on any point of order may appeal to the body on the same day, but at no other time.

4. Every motion made and seconded shall come under consideration of the Association, except withdrawn by him who made it.

5. Every case taken up by the Association shall be decided or withdrawn before another shall be offered.

6. Every one who speaks in debate shall rise from his seat and address the Moderator, and shall not be interrupted while speaking, unless he depart from the subject or use words of personal reflection.

7. The Moderator, when addressed for leave to speak, shall signify the right of the applicant by warning him or otherwise.

8. No person shall speak more than once on the same subject without leave of the body.

9. No member shall be tolerated in any practice which tends to interrupt public speaking.

10. Any member wishing to retire shall obtain permission from the Moderator.

11. The Moderator shall give the casting vote, and be entitled to the privilege of speaking, as any other, providing he appoint another in his seat during the time.

12. The appellation "Brother" shall be used in our address one to another.

13. The names of delegates shall be called as often as the Association may direct.

14. Any delegate leaving before the adjournment without leave will be marked on the minutes as absent.

15. Any member violating the above rules may be reproved as the body may think proper only on the day the offense shall have occurred.

STATISTICS OF SULPHUR SPRINGS ASSOCIATION, 1891.

CHURCH.	COUNTY.	PASTOR	CLERKS.	CLERK'S POSTOFFICE.	No. Ordained Ministers.	No. Licensed Ministers.	Membership Last Reported.	Incr'se By			Decre's'd By			Present Membership.	SUNDAY SCHOOL.				Preaching Sabbaths.	Prayer Meeting.
								Baptism.	Letter.	Restoration.	Letter.	Exclusion.	Death.		Superintendent.	Superintendent's Postoffice.	Officers& Teachr's	Pupils.		
Arkadelphia..	Blount ..	T. D. Holcomb.	T. M. Hagood..	Arkadelphia..	1	..	86	...	4	..	5	5	1	79	W. T. Bogwill	Arkadelphia	6	49	Third..	Weekly
Antioch.....	Jefferson	S. L. Waldrop & W. C. Wingo.	H. Clements....	Linns Cross'g	...	1	23	...	...	...	3	..	...	20	.....	.....	...	....	.....	.....
Blossburg.....	Jefferson	W. C. Wingo..	Isaac Nicholson	Blossburg.. ..	...	..	....	.	..	..	..	...	...	...	.. ..	....	....	...	....	.....
Calcedonia. ,	Jefferson	....	J. M. Thomas...	Morris	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	38	....	....	....	....	.....	.....
Cane Creek,...	Jefferson	J. W. Trotter...	J. L. Jolley.....	Warrior	...	..	85	13	2	1	9	1	1	90	. .....	.....	....	....	Second	.....
Fair View.....	Blount ..	.....	.....	.....	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	....	....	....	...	.....	.....
Good Hope....	Jefferson	G. S. Sloan.....	W. P. Hulsey...	Robins X R'ds	...	..	70	12	3	1	1	1	...	82	....	..... .	....	....	.... ..	.....
Harmony	Blount ..	G. S. Sloan	J. D. Griffith...	Sloan.....	...	..	89	12	2	..	12	1	...	80	.....	.....	....	....	.....	.....
Chalybeate Springs. ...	Jefferson	E. M. McDaniel	J. F. Elliott.....	New Castle....	...	..	53	...	1	..	2	...	...	52	.....	.....	....	....	.....	....
Mt. Zion	Jefferson	J. C. Thomas...	J. J. Kilc.	Warrior.....	...	..	45	...	...	..	4	3	...	38	....	.....	....	....	.....	.....
Mineral Sp'gs	Jefferson	G. W. Red	W. E Skelton..	Coalburgh	...	..	53	...	4	..	1	4	...	52	.....	.....	....	....	.....	.....
Mt. Olive.....	Jefferson	W. C. Wingo....	J. B. McCormick	Brookside.....	...	..	27	5	..	1	1	3	...	29	.....	.....	....	....	.....	.....
Mt. Pisga.....	Jefferson	H. C. Russell...	T. S. Terry.....	Brookside.....	...	..	29	...	...	...	16	1	...	12	.....	.....	....	....	.....	.....
Mt. Joy.....	Blount ..	J. C. Thomas...	J. E. McLeroy.	Breemen.....	1	..	33	13	5	1	5	...	...	52	.....	.....	....	....	.....	.....
Mt. Hie.....	Blount ..	J. C. Thomas...	J. R. Russell...	Hanby's Mills	...	..	13	38	...	...	...	...	...	51	.....	.....	....	....	.....	.....
New Bethel...	Jefferson	J. W. Trotter...	W. A. Mayfield.	Warrior.....	2	..	70	11	6	..	2	...	...	84	John Smith...	Warrior.....	4	65	.....	.....
New Prospect.	Blount ..	T. E. Hayes ...	J. H. Chafin ...	Breemen	...	1	21	...	.	...	...	...	...	21	.....	.....	...	....	.....	.....
Oak Bower....	Blount ..	Leroy Williams.	J. W. Stewart..	Arkadelphia..	...	2	31	...	1	...	..	5	...	32	... .	.....	....	....	Second	.....
Oak Grove....	Blount ..	C. Chambers....	J. C. Walker...	Bangor.....	...	1	41	...	...	...	.	6	..	36	....	.....	....	....	First	.....
Pleasant Val'y	Blount ..	.....	E. Dean.....	Arkadelphia ..	...	..	27	...	...	...	...	...	...	27	....	.....	....	....	.....	.....
Sulphur Sp'gs	Blount ..	J. C. Thomas...	W. R. Martin...	Blount Spr'gs	1	..	114	18	8	2	9	1	2	127	... .	.....	....	....	First	.....
Springdale....	Jefferson	W. C. McLawlin	J. C. Draper....	New Castle....	2	..	42	...	1	..	1	1	...	41	....	.....	....	....	Fourth	.....
Union.	Jefferson	M.D. L. Sanders	W.R. Speakman	Partridge	...	..	66	3	3	..	2	6	...	64	.....	.....	....	....	.....	.....
Union.	Blount ..	.....	.....	.....	...	..	...	..	..	..	..	..	..	...	.....	.....	..	....	.....	.....
Shilo	Jefferson	Fred Jones.....	A. M. McAnnally	Coaldale.....	...	..	23	...	...	..	5	...	1	17	.....	.....	....	....	Third	.....
Total, ...	.. ..	....	... .	.....	7	1	5 1020	125	40	6	78	32	5	1124	.....	.....	10	114	.....	.....

FINANCIAL EXHIBIT OF SULPHUR SPRINGS BAPTIST ASSOCIATION, 1891.

CHURCHES.	Home Missions	State Missions.	Minutes.	Associational Purposes and Undesignated.	S. School Expenses.	Total.	Pastor's Salary	Repairs, Fuel, the Poor, Etc.	Value of Buildings and Furniture.
Arkadelphia	$.....	$.....	$ 1 50	5 70	$ 7 50	$14.70	$50.00	$.....	$ 500 00
Antioch	.....	.....	1 25	...	.....	1 25	.....	.....	.....
Blossburg	.....	.....	1 00	...	.....	1 00	.....	.....	.....
Calcedonia	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Cane Creek	.....	.....	2 50	.....	.....	2 50	.....	.....	500 00
Fair View	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Good Hope	.....	.....	1 15	.....	.....	1 15	.....	.....	.....
Harmony	.....	.....	1 50	.....	.....	1 50	50 00	.....	.....
Chalybeate Springs	.....	.....	1 25	.....	.....	1 25	.....	.....	.....
Mt. Zion	.....	.....	1 00	.....	.....	1 00	.....	.....	.....
Mineral Springs	5 00	.....	2 05	.....	.....	7 05	.....	.....	.....
Mt. Olive	.....	.....	1 70	.....	.....	1 70	.....	.....	.....
Mt. Pisga	1 55	.....	1 95	.....	.....	3 50	.....	.....	.....
Mt. Joy	.....	.....	1 00	.....	.....	1 00	.....	.....	200 00
Mt. Hie	.....	.....	1 30	.....	.....	1 30	.....	.....	.....
New Bethel	.....	2 00	3 00	.....	.....	5 00	.....	.....	700 00
New Prospect	2 00	.....	80	.....	.....	2 80	.....	.....	.....
Oak Bower	.....	.....	1 50	.....	.....	1 50	20 00	.....	50 00
Oak Grove	.....	.....	1 00	.....	.....	1 00	.....	.....	.....
Pleasant Valley	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Sulphur Springs	.....	.....	2 20	3 00	.....	5 20	.....	.....	.....
Spring Dale	3 50	.....	1 00	...	2 50	8 00	17 00	15 00	400 00
Shilo	.....	.....	1 00	.....	.....	1 00	.....	.....	.....
Union, Jefferson Co	.....	.....	1 50	.....	.....	1 50	.....	.....	.....
Union, Blount Co	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Total	$12.05	$2 00	$31.15	8 70	$11.00	$64.90	137 00	$15 00	$2350.00